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# INTRODUCTION

This *Index* is the companion volume to the 351-page *Guide to the Microfilm of the Records of Pennsylvania's Revolutionary Governments, 1775-1790 (Record Group 27) in the Pennsylvania State Archives*, compiled and edited by Roland M. Baumann (Harrisburg: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 1978). Given the size and importance of the "Microfilm and Guide Project," which reproduced approximately sixty thousand pages of public records on fifty-four rolls of microfilm, we felt compelled to provide a higher level of specific access to the records by name and subject, as is required by researchers. By today's standards an index to a finding aid is a minimal element in the description and control of records.

Unfortunately, the production of an index had to be initially postponed for two reasons. Under the micropublication guidelines of the Research Collections Program, Division of Research Programs, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), we were provided neither the time nor the funds in our twenty-eight month grant to prepare such an index. Second, the index was delayed because the *Guide to the Microfilm* was officially published and bound much later than expected (late May, 1979). Commission approval to produce an index followed in June, 1979 and production began soon thereafter.

Although the *Index* facilitates quite obviously the use of the *Guide* to the fifty-four rolls of microfilm, the following caveats are offered to index users. First, the individual entries in the *Guide to the Microfilm* were grouped together by records series and arranged either chronologically by correspondent and recipient or alphabetically by name and/or county. Consequently, this volume indexes the descriptive entries in the *Guide*, and not the documents themselves. Second, the numbers in the index refer to the page in the *Guide* and not to a microfilm roll and/or frame number. Therefore, to locate an item or document on the microfilm one will still need to use the *Guide*. In some cases, then, two volumes rather than one will be needed to carry out the research process. Third, reference to a given page from the "Executive Correspondence" Series (pages 24-226) may include more than one item on a single page. For example, on page 49, there are two Robert Morris items. Fourth, entries have been cross-referenced when appropriate to enhance access by users and to designate the variant spellings of names.

The *Index* contains approximately ten thousand entries. It was not intended necessarily to replace the 1860 *General Index to the Colonial Records & Pennsylvania Archives*, prepared by Samuel Hazard, and the individual indexes to the select volumes. But we can report that the *Index* to the *Guide to the Microfilm* contains many more new names than do the

former. In preparing the index we also discovered that it contained many names that one will not find in the published indexes to *Pennsylvania History*, *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* and the *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine*. To be sure, if our *Index* was limited by the scope of the descriptive work contained in the *Guide to the Microfilm*, it suggests nonetheless the range of information contained in the records of Pennsylvania's Revolutionary Governments, 1775-1790, held by the Pennsylvania State Archives.

The purpose of the Division's micropublications program is two-fold. Our projects are designed, first of all, to preserve valuable public records on microfilm in order that we may retire fragile originals from reference use and, second, to make our holdings more accessible to researchers throughout the Commonwealth and nation. All records available on microfilm, which have been sponsored under federal grant funds, are made available to the public on inter-library loan. We believe that this form of outreach activity encourages research and writing in Pennsylvania history and enables us to bring the Pennsylvania State Archives to all corners of the State.

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